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Stone Building Company Achieves World-Class Safety Performance Through Platinum ABC STEP Program

BIRMINGHAM, AL, February 22—Stone Building Company today announced it has achieved Platinum in [Associated Builders and Contractors' STEP Safety Management System](#). Founded more than three decades ago, STEP is a proven system that provides the framework to measure, strengthen and build industry-leading safety programs that enable top-performing ABC members to achieve incident rates [nearly seven times safer](#) than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics construction industry average.

STEP participants measure their safety processes and policies on key components through a detailed questionnaire with the goal of implementing or enhancing health and safety programs that reduce jobsite incidents.

“Safety is a journey, and that journey is possible because of systems like STEP, which enables ABC member contractors like Stone to actively build health and safety into their culture, creating industry-leading, holistic safety programs to protect their workers and deliver for their clients,” said Greg Sizemore, ABC vice president of health, safety, environment and workforce development. “STEP measures performance on key components, strengthens and expands best practices and builds safety culture. Our people are our greatest asset, and I commend Stone for consistently fulfilling those commitments to raise the bar of safety performance.”

According to ABC's annual [Safety Performance Report](#), STEP participants, regardless of company size or type of work, can reduce recordable incidents up to 85%, making the best-performing companies 688% safer than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics industry average. Ratings range from Diamond, the highest, to Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Participant.

To learn more about the STEP program, visit abc.org/step.

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